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November 4, 2020

**By ECF**

Hon. Katherine Polk Failla  
United States District Judge  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

**Re: *Gonzalez v. Commissioner of Social Security*,  
No. 20 Civ. 8033 (KPF) (OTW)**

Dear Judge Failla:

This Office represents Andrew M. Saul, the Commissioner of Social Security (the “Commissioner”), the defendant in the above-referenced action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), in which the plaintiff challenges a decision to deny his application for Social Security disability benefits.

I write to respectfully request a 30-day extension of the time for the parties to inform the Court whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conduct all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, from November 4, 2020, to December 4, 2020. The extension is needed because I have not yet been able to reach the plaintiff, who is appearing *pro se*, and additional time would enable the parties to complete discussions about potential consent to proceeding before the assigned magistrate judge.

This is the first request for an extension of time in this case. I could not reach the plaintiff to determine whether he consents to the requested extension, but the extension would enable the parties to make additional attempts to discuss the potential consent. I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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Application GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this endorsement to Plaintiff's address of record.

Dated: November 4, 2020  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Katherine Polk Failla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE